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FORM 10-Q

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 0-6964

21ST CENTURY INSURANCE GROUP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

95-1935264
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6301 Owensmouth Avenue
Woodland Hills, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

91367
(Zip Code)

(818) 704-3700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area
code)

www.21st.com
(Registrant's web site)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

The number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock as of April 12, 2006 was 86,107,238.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

Unaudited

*AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA***March 31, 2006** December 31, 2005**Assets**

Fixed maturity investments available-for-sale, at fair value (amortized cost: \$1,467,093 and \$1,365,948)	\$1,434,761	\$1,354,707
Equity securities available-for-sale, at fair value (cost: \$848 and \$49,210)	850	47,367
Total investments	1,435,611	1,402,074
Cash and cash equivalents	35,146	68,668
Accrued investment income	17,333	16,585
Premiums receivable	107,231	100,900
Reinsurance receivables and recoverables	6,223	6,539
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	2,023	1,946
Deferred income taxes	59,307	56,209
Deferred policy acquisition costs	62,919	59,939
Leased property under capital lease, net of deferred gain of \$1,423 and \$1,534 and net of accumulated amortization of \$38,273 and \$36,995	21,587	22,651
Property and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation of \$94,976 and \$89,595	147,047	145,811
Other assets	42,183	38,907
Total assets	\$1,936,610	\$1,920,229
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 508,428	\$ 523,835
Unearned premiums	331,152	319,676
Debt	124,796	127,972
Claims checks payable	40,609	42,681
Reinsurance payable	755	643
Other liabilities	94,057	75,450
Total liabilities	1,099,797	1,090,257
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 110,000,000 shares authorized; shares issued 86,101,668 and 85,939,889	86	86
Additional paid-in capital	430,360	425,454
Treasury stock, at cost; 5,929 shares	(84)	(84)
Retained earnings	429,343	414,898
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(22,892)	(10,382)
Total stockholders' equity	836,813	829,972
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,936,610	\$1,920,229

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
OPERATIONS**

Unaudited

*AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA**Three Months Ended March 31,*

	2006	2005
Revenues		
Net premiums earned	\$ 325,824	\$ 336,364
Net investment income	17,755	17,037
Net realized investment losses	(1,067)	(460)
Total revenues	342,512	352,941
Losses and expenses		
Net losses and loss adjustment expenses	236,496	251,031
Policy acquisition costs	59,333	64,323
Other underwriting expenses	12,600	7,358
Interest and fees expense	1,898	2,057
Total losses and expenses	310,327	324,769
Income before provision for income taxes	32,185	28,172
Provision for income taxes	10,868	8,735
Net income	\$ 21,317	\$ 19,437
Earnings per common share		
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.23
Weighted-average shares outstanding – basic	85,868,878	85,520,909
Weighted-average shares outstanding – diluted	86,517,163	85,714,469

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Unaudited

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA</i>	Common Stock \$0.001 par value		<i>Additional Paid-in Capital</i>	<i>Treasury Stock</i>	<i>Retained Earnings</i>	<i>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Issued Shares</i>	<i>Amount</i>					
Balance - January 1, 2006	85,939,889	\$ 86	\$425,454	\$ (84)	\$414,898	\$(10,382)	\$829,972
Comprehensive income (loss)					21,317 ⁽¹⁾	(12,510) ⁽²⁾	8,807
Cash dividends declared on common stock (\$0.08 per share)					(6,872)		(6,872)
Exercise of stock options	58,229		718				718
Issuance of restricted stock	103,550						—
Stock-based compensation cost			4,099				4,099
Excess tax benefits of stock-based compensation			89				89
Balance - March 31, 2006	86,101,668	\$ 86	\$430,360	\$ (84)	\$429,343	\$(22,892)	\$836,813

⁽¹⁾ Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2006.⁽²⁾ Net change in accumulated other comprehensive loss follows:

	<i>Three Months Ended March 31, 2006</i>
Unrealized holding losses arising during the period, net of tax benefit of \$(7,109)	\$(13,204)
Reclassification adjustment for investment losses included in net income, net of tax expense of \$373	694
Total	\$(12,510)

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

Unaudited

*AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA**Three Months Ended March 31,*

	2006	2005
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 21,317	\$ 19,437
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	6,661	6,602
Net amortization of investment premiums and discounts	2,007	2,371
Stock-based compensation cost	4,099	34
Provision for deferred income taxes	2,820	3,459
Realized losses on sale of investments	1,067	460
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Premiums receivable	(6,331)	(8,496)
Deferred policy acquisition costs	(2,980)	(8,636)
Reinsurance receivables and recoverables	352	1,181
Federal income taxes	4,529	10,407
Other assets	(2,880)	2,883
Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	(15,407)	(5,371)
Unearned premiums	11,476	14,579
Claims checks payable	(2,072)	1,277
Other liabilities	14,079	(743)
Net cash provided by operating activities	38,737	39,444
Investing activities		
Purchases of:		
Fixed maturity investments available-for-sale	(146,738)	(31,759)
Equity securities available-for-sale	(35,627)	(70,902)
Property and equipment	(6,627)	(7,629)
Maturities and calls of fixed maturity investments available-for-sale	21,139	10,775
Sales of:		
Fixed maturity investments available-for-sale	21,022	2,196
Equity securities available-for-sale	83,989	69,539
Net cash used in investing activities	(62,842)	(27,780)
Financing activities		
Repayment of debt	(3,352)	(2,954)
Dividends paid (per share: \$0.08 and \$0.04)	(6,872)	(3,422)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	718	1,308
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	89	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(9,417)	(5,068)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(33,522)	6,596
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	68,668	34,697
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 35,146	\$ 41,293

Supplemental information:

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Income taxes paid	\$ 3,519	\$ 6,784
Interest paid	388	547

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

NOTE 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

General

21st Century Insurance Group and subsidiaries (the “Company”) prepared the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for interim reporting. As permitted under those rules and regulations, certain notes or other information that are normally required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) have been condensed or omitted if they substantially duplicate the disclosures contained in the annual audited consolidated financial statements. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments (including normal, recurring accruals) that are considered necessary for the fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations in accordance with GAAP. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the remaining interim periods or the year as a whole.

Certain prior period balances have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

Earnings Per Share (“EPS”)

For each of the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, the numerator for the calculation of both basic and diluted earnings per share is equal to net income reported for that period. The difference between basic and diluted EPS denominators is due to dilutive common stock equivalents (stock options and restricted stock). Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and reflects net income divided by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding during the periods presented. The denominator for the computation of basic EPS was 85,868,878 shares and 85,520,909 for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Diluted earnings per share is based upon the weighted-average shares of common stock and dilutive common stock equivalents outstanding during the periods presented. Common stock equivalents arising from dilutive stock options and restricted common stock are computed using the treasury stock method. For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, this amounted to 86,517,163 shares and 85,714,469 shares, respectively, which include 648,285 and 193,560 dilutive common stock equivalents, respectively.

Options to purchase an aggregate of 4,552,553 and 7,208,291 shares of common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the options’ exercise prices were greater than the average market prices of the common stock for each respective period. These options expire at various points in time through 2016.

Stock-Based Compensation

Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for its stock-based compensation plans under the measurement and recognition provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. (“APB”) 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related Interpretations, as permitted by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. (“FAS”) 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. Under the intrinsic-value method prescribed by APB 25, compensation

cost for stock options was measured at the date of grant as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the Company's stock over the exercise price of the options. All employee stock options were granted at or above the grant date market price. Accordingly, no compensation cost was recognized for fixed stock option grants in prior periods; however, stock-based compensation was included as a pro forma disclosure in the consolidated financial statement footnotes.

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Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted FAS 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ("FAS 123R"), which requires all stock-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the statements of operations based on their fair values. Determining the fair value of share-based awards at the grant date requires judgment in estimating the volatility and dividends over the expected term that the stock options will be outstanding prior to exercise. Judgment is also required in estimating the amount of stock-based awards expected to be forfeited prior to vesting. If actual forfeitures differ significantly from these estimates, stock-based compensation expense could be materially impacted.

Recent Accounting Standards

Statement of Position ("SOP") 05-1, *Accounting by Insurance Enterprises for Deferred Acquisition Costs in Connection with Modifications or Exchanges of Insurance Contracts*, becomes effective January 1, 2007. SOP 05-1 provides guidance on accounting for deferred acquisition costs on internal replacements of insurance and investment contracts other than those specifically described in FAS 97, *Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Realized Gains and Losses from the Sale of Investments*. The SOP defines an internal replacement as a modification in product benefits, features, rights, or coverage that occurs by the exchange of a contract for a new contract, or by amendment, endorsement, or rider to a contract, or by the election of a feature or coverage within a contract. The Company is currently assessing the effect of implementing this guidance.

NOTE 2. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

On January 1, 2006, the Company adopted FAS 123R and began recognizing the cost of all employee stock options on a straight-line basis over their respective vesting periods, net of estimated forfeitures, using the modified-prospective transition method. Under this transition method, 2006 results include: (1) stock-based compensation cost related to stock options granted on or prior to, but not vested as of, December 31, 2005, based on the grant date fair value originally estimated for the pro forma disclosures in accordance with the original provisions of FAS 123 and (2) all stock-based payments granted subsequent to December 31, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of FAS 123R. Results for prior periods have not been restated.

FAS 123R also prescribes the recognition of expense using the non-substantive vesting period approach for grants made after December 31, 2005. This expense attribution method requires recognition of compensation expense from the date of grant to the earlier of the vesting date or the date retirement eligibility is achieved for awards with retirement eligibility options. The use of the non-substantive vesting period approach will not affect the overall amount of compensation expense recognized, but could accelerate the recognition of expense. The Company will continue to follow the nominal vesting approach for the remaining portion of those outstanding awards that were unvested and granted prior to January 1, 2006, and will accordingly recognize expense from the grant date to the earlier of the actual date of retirement or the vesting date. This change resulted in the acceleration of \$0.7 million expense for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

Stock-based awards are forfeited if officers and employees terminate prior to the vesting date. Any compensation cost previously recognized with respect to unvested stock awards is reversed in the period of forfeiture. Upon share option exercise or restricted share unit conversion, the Company issues new shares, unless the Company elects to use available treasury shares. The Company records forfeitures of restricted stock as treasury share repurchases.

Prior to the adoption of FAS 123R, the Company applied APB 25, and related Interpretations, in accounting for its stock-based compensation plans. All employee stock options were granted at or above the grant date market price. Accordingly, no compensation cost was recognized for stock option grants in prior periods. Also, the Company previously presented all benefits of tax deductions resulting from the exercise of share-based compensation as operating cash flows in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. FAS 123R requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of the compensation cost recognized for those options (excess tax benefits) to be classified as financing cash flows. First quarter 2006 results included \$89 thousand of excess tax benefits as a financing cash inflow.

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2004 Stock Option Plan

The stockholders approved the 2004 Stock Option Plan (the "2004 Plan") at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 26, 2004. The 2004 Plan supersedes the 1995 Stock Option Plan, which remains in effect only as to outstanding awards under it. The 2004 Plan authorizes a Committee of the Board of Directors to grant stock options in respect of 4,000,000 shares to eligible employees and nonemployee directors, subject to the terms of the 2004 Plan.

Additionally, under the 2004 Plan, the Committee may grant stock options in respect of shares that were subject to outstanding awards under the 1995 Stock Option Plan to the extent such awards expire, are terminated, are canceled, or are forfeited for any reason without shares being issued.

A summary of securities issuable and issued for the Company's stock option plans at March 31, 2006, follows:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	<i>1995 Stock Option Plan</i>	<i>2004 Stock Option Plan</i>
Total number of securities authorized	10,000	4,000
Number of securities issued	(944)	—
Number of securities issuable upon the exercise of all outstanding options	(6,782)	(3,640)
Number of securities forfeited	(2,559)	(68)
Number of forfeited securities returned to plan	2,559	68
Unused options assumed by 2004 Stock Option Plan	(2,274)	2,274
Number of securities remaining available for future grants under each plan	—	2,634

A summary of the Company's stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2006, and related information follows:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PRICE DATA</i>	<i>Number of Options</i>	<i>Weighted-Average Exercise Price</i>
Options outstanding December 31, 2005	8,869	\$ 16.22
Granted in 2006	1,814	16.62
Exercised in 2006	(58)	16.06
Forfeited in 2006	(3)	13.88
Canceled in 2006	(200)	18.73
Options outstanding March 31, 2006	10,422	16.24

The following table summarizes exercisable and non-vested options at March 31:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PRICE DATA</i>	March 31, 2006
Total options outstanding	10,422
Non-vested options	(3,654)
Exercisable options	6,768
Weighted-average exercise price for exercisable options	\$ 16.72

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The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at March 31, 2006 (amounts in thousands, except price data):

Range of Exercise Prices	Number of Options	Outstanding			Exercisable			
		Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Number of Options	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
\$ 11.68		7.1				7.0		
-\$13.00	1,428	Years	\$11.87	\$ 5,617	1,283	Years	\$11.74	\$5,205
13.01 -		8.5				8.2		
15.00	2,988	Years	14.28	4,534	1,293	Years	14.36	1,860
15.01 -		8.1				5.7		
17.00	3,174	Years	16.41	3	1,360	Years	16.13	3
17.01 -		4.5				4.5		
19.00	1,796	Years	18.05	—	1,796	Years	18.05	—
19.01 -		1.7				1.7		
22.00	250	Years	20.72	—	250	Years	20.72	—
22.01 -		3.1				3.1		
29.25	786	Years	25.43	—	786	Years	25.43	—
\$ 11.68		6.9				5.6		
-\$29.25	10,422	Years	16.24	\$10,154	6,768	Years	16.72	\$7,068

The fair values of stock options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2006, and 2005 were approximately \$9.1 million and \$6.0 million, respectively. The weighted-average fair value per share for options granted during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 were \$5.02 and \$4.86, respectively. The intrinsic value of options exercised during the periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 were both \$0.2 million. Intrinsic value for stock options is defined as the amount equal to the excess of the market price of the stock on the date of exercise over the exercise price. The grant date fair value of options vested during the periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 were both \$6.6 million. The Company received proceeds of \$0.7 million and \$1.3 million from the exercise of stock options during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The tax benefit recognized as a result of stock option exercises was \$43 thousand and \$16 thousand for the first three months of 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Restricted Shares Plan

The Restricted Shares Plan, which was approved by the Company's stockholders, currently authorizes grants of up to 1,421,920 shares of common stock to be made available to key employees. In general, one third of the shares granted vest on the anniversary date of each of the three years following the year of grant. The Company becomes entitled to an income tax deduction in an amount equal to the taxable income reported by the holders upon vesting of the restricted shares. Treasury shares represent forfeited restricted shares.

Total compensation expense relating to the Restricted Shares Plan was \$0.1 million and \$34 thousand for the three months ended 2006 and 2005, respectively. Unrecognized compensation cost in connection with restricted stock grants totaled \$2.4 million and \$1.0 million at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. The cost is

expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.6 years.

A summary of securities issuable and issued for the Company's Restricted Shares Plan at March 31, 2006, follows:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	<i>Restricted Shares Plan</i>
Total number of securities authorized	1,422
Number of securities issued	(1,247)
Number of forfeited securities returned to plan	162
Number of securities remaining available for future grants under the plan	337

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The following table summarizes activity under the Restricted Shares Plan for the three months ended March 31, 2006:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PRICE DATA</i>	<i>Number of Shares</i>	<i>Average Market Price Per Share on Date of Grant</i>
Non-vested, December 31, 2005	87	\$ 14.08
Granted in 2006	104	15.88
Non-vested, March 31, 2006	191	15.06

The fair values of restricted stock awards granted during the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 was \$1.6 million. No restricted stock awards were granted during the three-month period ended March 31, 2005. The fair value of restricted stock awards that vested for the three months ended March 31, 2005 was \$0.2 million. No restricted stock awards vested during the three months ended March 31, 2006.

2006 Stock-Based Compensation Summary

The effect of the adoption of FAS 123R on the condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows is as follows:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA</i>	<i>Three Months Ended March 31, 2006</i>		
	<i>Without FAS 123R¹</i>	<i>FAS 123R Impact</i>	<i>With FAS 123R</i>
Total revenues	\$ 342,512	\$ —	\$ 342,512
Losses and expenses			
Net losses and loss adjustment expenses	235,362	1,134	236,496
Policy acquisition costs	58,846	487	59,333
Other underwriting expenses	10,765	1,835	12,600
Interest and fees expense	1,898	—	1,898
Total losses and expenses	306,871	3,456	310,327
Income before provision for income taxes	35,641	(3,456)	32,185
Provision for income taxes	11,625	(757)	10,868
Net income	\$ 24,016	\$ (2,699)	\$ 21,317
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.25
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.25
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 38,826	\$ (89)	\$ 38,737
Net cash used in financing activities	(9,506)	89	(9,417)

In accordance with the modified-prospective transition method, pro forma results for prior periods have not been restated. The current period results include \$0.7 million and \$1.4 million of accelerated costs recorded to recognize the effect of retirement eligibility and actual vesting in accordance with an executive retention agreement, respectively. As compensation costs for certain employees are included in deferred policy acquisition costs, pre-tax

compensation cost related to stock-based compensation of \$510 thousand, and associated tax of \$112 thousand, were deferred. The remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested awards as of March 31, 2006, was \$14.6 million and the weighted-average period of time over which this cost will be recognized is 2.3 years.

2005 Stock-Based Compensation Pro Forma Summary

Had compensation cost for the Company's stock-based compensation plans been determined in the prior year based on the fair-value-based method for all awards, net income would have been reduced by \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005. The Company followed the nominal vesting period approach, which recognized compensation cost over the vesting period unless the employee retired before the end of the vesting period at which time the Company recognized any remaining unrecognized compensation cost at the date of retirement, for attributing stock compensation to individual periods for awards with retirement eligibility options. The Company did not determine the amount of stock-based compensation cost that would have been deferred as policy acquisition costs in its pro forma footnotes under FAS 123.

¹Includes stock-based compensation related to restricted shares, as the previous accounting under APB 25 was consistent with that of FAS 123.

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The pro forma net income and earnings per share amounts follow:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA</i>	<i>Three Months Ended March 31, 2005</i>
Net income, as reported	\$19,437
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	22
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair-value-based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(1,268)
Net income, pro forma	\$18,191
Basic and diluted earnings per share	
As reported	\$ 0.23
Pro forma	\$ 0.21

Black-Scholes Assumptions

The fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

<i>Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	2006	2005 Pro Forma
Risk-free interest rate:		
Minimum	4.5%	3.9%
Maximum	4.7%	3.9%
Dividend yield	1.9%	1.1%
Volatility factor of the expected market price of the Company's common stock	0.29	0.32
Expected option term (in years)	6 years	6 years

The expected term for options granted during the quarter ended March 31, 2006, was calculated using the simplified method in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107. The expected volatility of employee stock options was based on the historical volatility of key competitors in the property & casualty insurance industry (based on six years of closing stock prices). The Company believes that the use of historical competitor volatility better reflects current market expectations of the Company's stock price volatility as the Company's own historical stock price volatility is not representative of expected volatility due to significant prior year events that impacted the homeowners and earthquake lines, which are in runoff, and are not expected to significantly impact results in the future. The annual risk-free interest rate is based on a traded zero-coupon U.S. Treasury bond on the grant date with a term equal to the option's expected term.

Options granted to employees generally have ten-year terms and vest over three years. Nonemployee director options vest over one year, provided that the nonemployee director is in the service of the Company during that time. Options granted to nonemployee directors expire one year after a nonemployee director ceases service with the Company, or

ten years from the date of grant, whichever is sooner.

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NOTE 3. HOMEOWNER AND EARTHQUAKE LINES IN RUNOFF

California Senate Bill 1899 (“SB 1899”), effective from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, allowed the re-opening of previously closed earthquake claims arising out of the 1994 Northridge earthquake. More than ninety-nine percent of the claims submitted and litigation brought against the Company as a result of California SB 1899 have been resolved. The Company’s total loss and LAE reserves for SB 1899 claims as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, were \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

Loss and loss adjustment expenses incurred for the homeowner and earthquake lines in runoff were \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

NOTE 4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation. In the normal course of business, the Company is named as a defendant in lawsuits related to claims and insurance policy issues, both on individual policy files and by class actions seeking to attack the Company’s business practices. Many suits seek unspecified extra-contractual and punitive damages as well as contractual damages under the Company’s insurance policies in excess of the Company’s estimates of its obligations under such policies. The Company cannot estimate the amount or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome on these suits and it denies liability for any such alleged damages. The Company has not established reserves for potential extra-contractual or punitive damages, or for contractual damages in excess of estimates the Company believes are correct and reasonable under its insurance policies. Nevertheless, extra-contractual and punitive damages, if assessed against the Company, could be material in an individual case or in the aggregate. The Company may choose to settle litigated cases for amounts in excess of its own estimate of contractual damages to avoid the expense and risk of litigation. Other than possibly for the contingencies discussed below, the Company does not believe the ultimate outcome of these matters will be material to its results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. The Company denies liability and has not established a reserve for the matters discussed below. A range of potential losses in the event of a negative outcome is discussed where known.

Poss v. 21st Century Insurance Company was filed on June 13, 2003, in Los Angeles Superior Court. The complaint sought injunctive and unspecified restitutionary relief against the Company under Business and Professions Code (“B&P”) Sec. 17200 for alleged unfair business practices in violation of California Insurance Code Sec. 1861.02(c) relating to Company rating practices. Based on California’s Proposition 64, passed in November 2004, the court granted the Company’s motion to dismiss the complaint, but allowed the addition of a second plaintiff, Leacy. The court stayed discovery in this litigation pending appellate court decisions involving similar issues by other parties. Because this matter is in the pleading stages and no discovery has taken place, no estimate of the range of potential losses in the event of a negative outcome can be made at this time.

Cecelia Encarnacion, individually and as the Guardian Ad Litem for Nubia Cecelia Gonzalez, a Minor, Hilda Cecelia Gonzalez, a Minor, and Ramon Aguilera v. 20th Century Insurance was filed on July 3, 1997, in Los Angeles Superior Court. Plaintiffs allege bad faith, emotional distress, and estoppel involving the Company’s (the Company was formerly named 20th Century Insurance) handling of a 1994 homeowner’s claim. On March 1, 1994, Ramon Aguilera, a homeowner policyholder, shot and killed Mr. Gonzalez (the minor children’s father) and was later sued by Ms. Encarnacion for wrongful death. On August 30, 1996, judgment was entered against Ramon Aguilera for \$5.6

million. The Company paid for Aguilera's defense costs through the civil trial; however, the homeowner's policy did not provide indemnity coverage for the incident, and the Company refused to pay the judgment. After the trial, Aguilera assigned a portion of his action against the Company to Encarnacion and the minor children. Aguilera and the Encarnacion family then sued the Company alleging that the Company had promised to pay its bodily injury policy limit if Aguilera pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter. In August 2003, the trial court held a bench trial on the limited issues of promissory and equitable estoppel, and policy forfeiture. On September 26, 2003, the trial court issued a ruling that the Company cannot invoke any policy exclusions as a defense to coverage. On May 14, 2004, the court granted the Encarnacion plaintiffs' motion for summary adjudication, ordering that the Company must pay the full amount of the underlying judgment of \$5.6 million, plus interest, for a total of \$10.5 million. The Company disagrees with this ruling as it appears inconsistent with the court's simultaneous ruling denying the Company's motion for summary judgment on grounds that there are triable issues of material fact as to whether plaintiffs are precluded from recovering damages as a consequence of Aguilera's inequitable conduct. The Company also believes that the court's decision was not supported by the evidence in the case, demonstrating that no promise to settle was ever made. The Company has appealed the judgment as to the Encarnacions. The trial as to Aguilera concluded on December 9, 2005, on his claims for bad faith, emotional distress, punitive damages and attorney fees. A jury found he sustained no damages as to these claims. The Company's exposure in this case includes the aforementioned \$10.5 million judgment plus post-judgment interest, which currently totals \$1.6 million.

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Insurance Company cases (Ramona Goldenburg) was originally filed as Bryan Speck, individually, and on behalf of others similarly situated v. 21st Century Insurance Company, 21st Century Casualty Company, and 21st Century Insurance Group. The original action was filed on June 20, 2002, in Los Angeles Superior Court. Plaintiff seeks California class action certification, injunctive relief, and unspecified actual and punitive damages. The complaint contends that the Company uses “biased” software in determining the value of total-loss automobiles. Specifically, Plaintiff alleges that database providers use improper methodology to establish comparable auto values and populate their databases with biased figures and that the Company and other carriers allegedly subscribe to the programs to unfairly reduce claims costs. This case is consolidated with similar actions against other insurers for discovery and pre-trial motions. A court-ordered appraisal of Speck’s vehicle was favorable to the Company and Ramona Goldenberg was substituted as a Plaintiff, replacing Speck. The Company intends to vigorously defend the suit with other defendants in the coordinated proceedings. This matter is in the pleading stage of litigation and no reasonable estimate of potential losses in the event of a negative outcome can be made at this time.

Thomas Theis, on his own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. 21st Century Insurance was filed on June 17, 2002, in Los Angeles Superior Court. Plaintiff seeks California class action certification, injunctive relief, and unspecified actual and punitive damages. The complaint contends that after insureds receive medical treatment, the Company used a medical-review program to adjust expenses to reasonable and necessary amounts for a given geographic area and the adjusted amount is “predetermined” and “biased.” This case is consolidated with similar actions against other insurers for discovery and pre-trial motions. Depositions have recently been taken and the Company intends to vigorously defend the suit. This matter is in the discovery stage of litigation and no reasonable estimate of potential losses in the event of a negative outcome can be made at this time.

Silvia Quintana, on her own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. 21st Century Insurance was filed on November 16, 2005. This purported class action, filed in San Diego, names the Company in four causes of action: 1) violation of B&P Section 17200, 2) conversion, 3) unjust enrichment and, 4) declaratory relief. Silvia Quintana alleges that the Company’s demand for reimbursement of the medical payments it made to her pursuant to her insurance contract violates the “made-whole rule.” The Company anticipates that if the matter survives the initial pleading stage, it will be consolidated, for discovery and pre-trial motions, with actions alleging similar facts against other insurers. This matter is in the initial stages of pleading and no reasonable estimate of potential losses in the event of a negative outcome can be made at this time.

NOTE 5. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Accumulated other comprehensive loss is a component of stockholders’ equity and includes all changes in unrealized appreciation and depreciation; reclassification adjustments for investment losses and gains included in net income; and changes in minimum pension liability in excess of unamortized prior service cost.

A summary of accumulated other comprehensive loss follows:

	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Net unrealized losses on available-for-sale investments, net of deferred income taxes of \$11,316 and \$4,579	\$(21,014)	\$ (8,504)

Minimum pension liability in excess of unamortized prior service cost, net of deferred income taxes of \$1,011 and \$1,011	(1,878)	(1,878)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$(22,892)	\$(10,382)

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NOTE 6. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company has both funded and unfunded non-contributory defined benefit pension plans, which together cover essentially all employees who have completed at least one year of service. For certain key employees designated by the Board of Directors, the Company sponsors an unfunded non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plan. The supplemental plan benefits are based on years of service and compensation during the three highest of the last ten years of employment prior to retirement and are reduced by the benefit payable from the pension plan and 50% of the social security benefit. For other eligible employees, the pension benefits are based on employees' compensation during all years of service. The Company's funding policy is to make annual contributions as required by applicable regulations.

Components of Net Periodic Cost

Net pension costs for all plans were comprised of the following:

	<i>Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	
	2006	2005
Service cost	\$ 1,872	\$ 1,762
Interest cost	1,971	1,855
Expected return on plan assets	(2,108)	(1,830)
Amortization of prior service cost	34	27
Amortization of net loss	678	507
Total	\$ 2,447	\$ 2,321

Pension Plan Contributions

The Company previously disclosed in its consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005, that it did not expect to contribute to its qualified defined benefit pension plan in 2006. As of March 31, 2006, no contributions have been made. However, the amount and timing of future contributions to the Company's qualified defined benefit pension plan depends on a number of unpredictable factors including statutory funding requirements, the market performance of the plan's assets and future changes in interest rates that affect the actuarial measurement of the plan's obligations.

Contributions to our non-qualified defined benefit pension plan generally are limited to amounts needed to make benefit payments to retirees, which are expected to total approximately \$0.9 million in 2006.

Defined Contribution Plans

The Company sponsors a contributory savings and security plan for eligible employees and officers. The Company provides matching contributions equal to 75% of the lesser of 6% of an employee's compensation or the amount contributed by the employee up to the maximum allowable under Internal Revenue Service regulations. The plan offers a variety of investment types among which employees exercise complete discretion as to choice and investment duration. The Company also sponsors a 401(K) supplemental plan to provide specified benefits to a select group of management and highly compensated employees. Company contributions to both plans were \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

NOTE 7. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company's "Personal Auto Lines" reportable segment primarily markets and underwrites personal auto, motorcycle and personal umbrella insurance. The Company's "Homeowner and Earthquake Lines in Runoff" reportable segment, which is in runoff, manages the runoff of the Company's homeowner and earthquake programs. The Company has not written any earthquake coverage since 1994 and ceased writing homeowner policies in February 2002.

Insurers offering homeowner insurance in California are required to participate in the California FAIR Plan ("FAIR Plan"). The FAIR Plan is a state administered pool of difficult to insure homeowners' exposures. Each participating insurer is allocated a percentage of the total premiums written and losses and LAE incurred by the pool according to its share of total homeowner direct premiums written in the state. Participation in the current year FAIR Plan operations is based on the pool from two years prior. Since the Company ceased writing homeowners business in 2002, the Company no longer receives assignments for plan years beyond 2004, but continues to participate in prior plan year activity, which is in runoff.

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The Company evaluates segment performance based on pre-tax underwriting profit or loss. The Company does not allocate assets, net investment income, net realized investment gains or losses, other revenues, nonrecurring items, interest and fees expense, or income taxes to operating segments. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as those described in Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. All revenues are generated from external customers and the Company does not rely on any major customer.

The following table presents net premiums earned, depreciation and amortization expense, and segment profit (loss) for the Company's segments.

	<i>Personal Auto Lines</i>	<i>Homeowner and Earthquake Lines in Runoff²</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Three Months Ended March 31, 2006</i>			
Net premiums earned	\$325,824	\$ —	\$325,824
Depreciation and amortization expense	6,659	2	6,661
Segment profit (loss)	17,472	(77)	17,395
<i>Three Months Ended March 31, 2005</i>			
Net premiums earned	\$336,361	\$ 3	\$336,364
Depreciation and amortization expense	6,600	2	6,602
Segment profit (loss)	13,824	(172)	13,652

The following table reconciles segment profit to consolidated income before provision for income taxes:

	<i>Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	
	2006	2005
Segment profit	\$17,395	\$13,652
Net investment income	17,755	17,037
Realized investment losses	(1,067)	(460)
Interest and fees expense	(1,898)	(2,057)
Income before provision for income taxes	\$32,185	\$28,172

NOTE 8. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51* ("FIN 46"), and amended it in December 2003. An entity is subject to the consolidation rules of FIN 46 and is referred to as a variable interest entity ("VIE") if it lacks sufficient

equity to finance its activities without additional financial support from other parties or if its equity holders lack adequate decision making ability based on criteria set forth in the interpretation. FIN 46 also requires disclosures about VIEs that a company is not required to consolidate, but in which a company has a significant variable interest.

²Homeowner and earthquake lines in runoff segment revenue represents premium earned as a result of the Company's participation in the California FAIR Plan.

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The Company has decided to purchase investments that provide housing and other services to economically disadvantaged communities. To that end, the Company is a voluntary member, along with other participating insurance organizations, of Impact Community Capital, LLC (“Impact”). Impact’s charter is to make loans and other investments in such communities.

The VIE structure provides a wider range of investment options through which insurance companies and other institutional investors can address the investment needs of these communities. The Company’s maximum participation in Impact C.I.L., LLC (“Impact C.I.L.”), a subsidiary of Impact and a VIE, is for up to 11.1% (\$24.0 million) of \$216.0 million of the entity’s funding activities. These commitments consist of a \$4.8 million minimum investment and a \$19.2 million guarantee of a warehouse lending facility. Potential losses are limited to the Company’s participation as well as associated operating fees.

As of March 31, 2006, the Company’s pro rata share of these advances was approximately 11.1%, or \$4.8 million, and \$5.0 million as of December 31, 2005, respectively. Potential losses are limited to the Company’s participation as well as associated operating fees. The revolving member loan and the warehouse financing agreement do not significantly impact the Company’s liquidity or capital.

The Company is not the primary beneficiary of any of the VIEs as the Company has voting rights, beneficiary rights, obligations, and ownership in proportion to each of its Impact related investments, none of which exceeds 11.1%.

In addition to the above, the Company held \$6.0 million and \$6.2 million in other Impact related fixed-income investments as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. The Company also held \$0.3 million in other Impact related private equity investments reclassified as other assets as of March 31, 2006. There were no private equity investments for the same period in the prior year. Total Impact related investment income was \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The Company does not have any other material VIEs that it needs, or will need, to consolidate or disclose.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

21st Century Insurance Group is an insurance holding company registered on the New York Stock Exchange. For convenience, the terms "Company", "21st", "we", "us" or "our" are used to refer collectively to the parent company and its subsidiaries. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

Founded in 1958, we are a direct-to-consumer provider of personal auto insurance. With \$1.4 billion of revenue in 2005, we insure over 1.5 million vehicles in California, Texas, Illinois and six other states. We provide superior policy features and customer service at a competitive price. Customers can purchase insurance, service their policy, or report a claim at www.21st.com or on the phone with our licensed insurance professionals at 1-800-211-SAVE. Service is offered in English and Spanish, both on the phone and on the web, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. 21st Century Insurance Company, 21st Century Casualty Company, and 21st Century Insurance Company of the Southwest are rated A+ by Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's.

Our long-term financial goals include achieving a 96% or lower combined ratio, 15% annual growth in premiums written, 15% return on stockholders' equity, and strong financial ratings.

First quarter 2006 direct premiums written decreased 3.8% (\$13.5 million) to \$338.6 million from \$352.1 million in the first quarter of 2005. California direct premiums written decreased by 6.2% to \$311.8 million, compared to \$332.6 million for the same period in 2005, as a result of soft market conditions. Direct premiums written outside of California increased by 36.7% to \$26.7 million, compared to \$19.6 million for the same period in 2005. The Company currently plans on expanding into six additional states in 2006 to further its geographic expansion strategy.

The combined ratio was 94.7% in the first quarter of 2006, compared to 95.9% for the same period in 2005.

Underwriting expenses have been higher than in prior periods primarily due the Company's geographic expansion efforts, the 2006 recognition of stock-based compensation, which resulted from our adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* ("FAS 123R"), severance, and corporate litigation. FAS 123R requires the recognition of compensation expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations based on the estimated fair value of the employee share-based options. See *Critical Accounting Estimates - Stock-Based Compensation Expense* for further discussion. Stock-based compensation classified as underwriting expense for the three months ended March 31, 2006, was \$2.4 million.

Stockholders' equity at March 31, 2006, increased to \$836.8 million from \$830.0 million at December 31, 2005. Book value per share at March 31, 2006 increased to \$9.72 per share from \$9.66 per share at December 31, 2005.

Premiums written and statutory surplus have been presented to enhance investors' understanding of the Company's operations. These financial measures are not presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Premiums written represent the premiums charged on policies issued during a fiscal period. Premiums earned, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, represents the portion of premiums written that is recognized as income on a pro rata basis over the terms of the policies. Statutory surplus represents equity as of the end of a fiscal period for the Company's insurance subsidiaries, determined in accordance with statutory accounting principles prescribed by insurance regulatory authorities. Stockholders' equity is the most directly comparable GAAP measure. The reconciliations of these financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure are located in *Results of Operations* and *Liquidity and Capital Resources*, respectively. These financial measures are not intended to replace, and should be read in conjunction with, the GAAP financial results.

See *Results of Operations* for more details as to our overall and personal auto lines results.

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The remainder of this MD&A includes the following sections:

- Financial Condition
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- Transactions with Related Parties
- Contractual Obligations and Commitments
- Results of Operations
- Net Investment Income
- Critical Accounting Estimates
- Forward-Looking Statements

Financial Condition

Stockholders' equity and book value per share increased to \$836.8 million and \$9.72, respectively, at March 31, 2006, compared to \$830.0 million and \$9.66 at December 31, 2005, respectively. The increase in stockholders' equity for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was primarily due to net income of \$21.3 million and stock-based compensation cost of \$4.1 million, offset by dividends to stockholders of \$6.8 million and an increase in accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$12.5 million (resulting from a \$19.2 million increase in net unrealized losses on the investment portfolio due to rising market yields).

Investments and cash were approximately \$1.5 billion at March 31, 2006, approximately the same as December 31, 2005. The Company initiated the sale of its equity securities during the first quarter of 2006 and is in the process of evaluating other investment vehicles for its equity portfolio. Applicable funds realized from the sale of equity securities were reinvested in fixed maturity investments.

Of our total investments at March 31, 2006, the percentage of investments in tax-exempt, fixed-income securities, 26.4%, compared to 23.1% at December 31, 2005. At March 31, 2006, investment-grade securities comprised substantially all of the fair value of our investment portfolio. As of March 31, 2006, no investments were rated below investment grade.

The Company also has unrated, community investments representing 0.5% of total investments. These investments have been made in an effort to provide housing and other services to economically disadvantaged communities. See Note 8 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Increased advertising, sales and customer service costs through March 31, 2006 contributed to an increase in deferred policy acquisition costs ("DPAC") of \$3.0 million to \$62.9 million, compared to \$59.9 million at December 31, 2005. Our DPAC is estimated to be fully recoverable (see *Critical Accounting Estimates - Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs*).

The following table summarizes unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses ("LAE"), gross and net of applicable reinsurance, with respect to our lines of business:

March 31, 2006

December 31, 2005

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Unpaid losses and LAE				
Personal auto lines	\$506,941	\$502,054	\$521,528	\$516,849
Homeowner and earthquake lines in runoff	1,487	733	2,307	1,368
Total	\$508,428	\$502,787	\$523,835	\$518,217

At March 31, 2006, gross unpaid losses and LAE decreased \$15.4 million primarily due to a reserve decrease of \$14.6 million in the personal auto lines as a result of favorable loss development and fewer number of exposures. The gross unpaid losses and LAE in the homeowner and earthquake lines decreased \$0.8 million as the result of continued runoff activity (see *Critical Accounting Estimates - Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses* for a description of the Company's reserving process).

Unearned premiums increased 3.6% to \$331.2 million at March 31, 2006, compared to \$319.7 million at December 31, 2005, primarily due to a 7.0% increase in premiums written in the first quarter of 2006 as compared to the fourth quarter in 2005.

Debt of \$124.8 million consists of \$24.9 million of capital lease obligations and \$99.9 million of Senior Notes, net of discount. The decrease in debt of \$3.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2006 is primarily attributable to principal payments on the capital leases.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

21st Century Insurance Group. Our holding company's main sources of liquidity historically have been dividends received from our insurance subsidiaries and proceeds from issuance of debt or equity securities. Apart from the exercise of stock options and restricted stock grants to employees, the effects of which have not been significant, we have not issued any equity securities since 1998 when American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") exercised its warrants to purchase common stock for cash of \$145.6 million. Our insurance subsidiaries have not paid any dividends to our holding company since 2001 due to the previous uncertainty that surrounded the taxability of dividends received by holding companies from their insurance subsidiaries in California. See further discussion of the *Ceridian* case in *Critical Accounting Estimates - Income Taxes*.

Effective December 31, 2003, the California Department of Insurance ("CDI"), approved an intercompany lease whereby 21st Century Insurance Company leases certain computer software from our holding company. The monthly lease payment, currently \$0.8 million, started in January 2004 and is subject to upward adjustment based on the cost incurred by the holding company to enhance the software.

On November 30, 2005, the CDI permitted an amendment to a term loan line that increased the available amount from \$40 million to \$150 million that our insurance subsidiary, 21st Century Insurance Company, can loan to our holding company. The balance of the term loan line as of March 31, 2006, was \$66.0 million.

Our holding company's significant cash obligations over the next several years, exclusive of any dividends to stockholders that our directors may declare, consist of ongoing costs to enhance our computer software, the repayment of the \$100 million principal on the Senior Notes due in 2013, the repayment of \$66.0 million principal on the term loan line, and related interest.

We expect to be able to meet those obligations from sources of cash currently available (i.e., cash and investments at the holding company, which totaled \$23.6 million at March 31, 2006, payments received from the intercompany lease, and borrowing from our insurance subsidiary), additional funds obtainable from the capital markets or dividends received from our insurance subsidiaries. The effective 2006 California state income tax rate applicable to any such dividends paid from our subsidiaries, if taxable, is approximately 1.8%.

In 2006, our insurance subsidiaries could pay \$113.0 million as dividends to the holding company without prior written approval from insurance regulatory authorities.

Insurance Subsidiaries. We have achieved underwriting profits in our core auto insurance operations for over four years and have thereby enhanced our liquidity. Our cash flow from operations and short-term cash position generally are more than sufficient to meet obligations for claim payments, which by the nature of the personal automobile insurance business tend to have an average duration of less than a year.

In California, where approximately 92.1% of our premiums were written for the three months ended March 31, 2006, underwriting profit improved without additional rate increases. Effective October 23, 2005, we implemented a class plan revision for our California business. A class plan revision increases the prices of some of our rating factors and decreases others and is designed to be a rate-neutral change overall, but is intended to improve the accuracy of our pricing.

Although in the past years we have been successful in gaining California regulatory approval for rate increases, there can be no assurance that insurance regulators will grant future rate increases that may be necessary to offset possible future increases in claims cost trends. Furthermore, we could be required to liquidate investments to pay claims, possibly during unfavorable market conditions, which could lead to the realization of losses on sales of investments. Adverse outcomes to any of the foregoing uncertainties would create some degree of downward pressure on the

insurance subsidiaries' earnings or cash flows, which in turn, could negatively impact our liquidity.

As of March 31, 2006, our insurance subsidiaries had a combined statutory surplus of \$725.1 million compared to \$704.7 million at December 31, 2005. The increase in statutory surplus was primarily due to statutory net income of \$24.9 million, an increase in net unrealized investment gains of \$1.1 million, and an increase in nonadmitted assets of \$2.3 million offset by a \$7.9 million decrease in the deferred income tax asset. The net premiums written to statutory surplus ratio was 1.8 at March 31, 2006, compared to 1.9 at December 31, 2005.

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The following is a reconciliation of our stockholders' equity to statutory surplus:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Stockholders' equity - GAAP	\$836,813	\$829,972
Condensed adjustments to reconcile GAAP shareholders' equity to statutory surplus:		
Net book value of fixed assets under capital leases	(23,011)	(24,185)
Deferred gain under capital lease transactions	(706)	(914)
Capital lease obligation	24,895	28,074
Nonadmitted net deferred tax assets	(23,089)	(34,936)
Net deferred tax assets related to items nonadmitted under SAP	24,137	38,544
Intercompany receivables	(61,843)	(57,683)
Fixed assets	(21,510)	(22,492)
Equity in non-insurance entities	31,728	26,798
Unrealized losses on investments	31,683	10,788
Deferred policy acquisition costs	(62,919)	(59,939)
Prepaid pension costs and intangible pension asset	(19,791)	(21,309)
Other prepaid expenses	(14,623)	(11,049)
Other, net	3,380	3,002
Statutory surplus	\$725,144	\$704,671

Transactions with Related Parties

Several subsidiaries of AIG together own approximately 62% of our outstanding common stock and four of the eleven members of our Board of Directors are employees of AIG. Since 1995, the Company has entered into transactions with AIG subsidiaries, including reinsurance agreements, insurance coverage contracts, and investment management and investment accounting.

Reinsurance agreements - The Company's catastrophe reinsurance agreement for its personal auto lines is provided by three participating entities, two of which are AIG subsidiaries. Together they reinsure any covered event up to \$45.0 million in excess of \$20.0 million effective January 1, 2004 (up to \$30.0 million in excess of \$15.0 million in 2003). This coverage was renewed effective January 1, 2005 and 2006. Total premiums ceded to AIG subsidiaries were \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Total reinsurance recoverables, net of payables, from AIG subsidiaries were \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively.

Corporate insurance coverage - The Company has obtained the following corporate insurance policies from AIG subsidiaries:

.	Workers' compensation insurance
.	General liability insurance
.	Property insurance
.	Umbrella excess insurance
.	Fiduciary liability insurance
.	Fidelity insurance
.	Auto insurance
.	Employment practices liability insurance

Errors and omissions insurance was carried with AIG through September 30, 2005.

Insurance expense attributable to AIG corporate insurance coverages was \$0.8 million and \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

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Investment management and investment accounting - In October 2003, as a result of a competitive bidding process, we entered into an agreement with an AIG subsidiary to provide investment management and investment accounting services to the Company. The fees are determined as a percentage of the average invested asset balance and are classified with net investment income. This agreement was approved by the CDI. Investment management and accounting expense was constant at \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

See our discussion about variable interest entities and commitments in Note 8 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. There were no material changes outside the ordinary course of our business in our contractual obligations during the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

Results of Operations

Consolidated Results. The following table summarizes the Company's consolidated results of operations:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	<i>Results of Operations</i>		<i>Increase/(Decrease) 2006 vs. 2005</i>
	2006	2005	
Direct premiums written	\$338,569	\$352,117	(3.8)%
Net income	21,317	19,437	9.7
Basic and diluted earnings per share	0.25	0.23	8.7

The 2006 results include net realized capital losses of \$1.1 million compared to net realized capital losses of \$0.5 million for the same period in 2005.

The following table summarizes losses and LAE incurred, net of applicable reinsurance, for the periods indicated:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	<i>Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	
	2006	2005
Net losses and LAE incurred related to insured events in:		
Current year personal auto lines	\$243,511	\$258,702
Prior years:		
Personal auto lines	(7,092)	(7,847)
Homeowner and earthquake lines in runoff	77	176
Total prior years' redundancy recorded in current year	(7,015)	(7,671)
Total net losses and LAE	\$236,496	\$251,031

While we perform quarterly reviews of the adequacy of established unpaid losses and LAE, these estimates depend on many assumptions about the outcome of future events. There can be no assurance that our ultimate unpaid losses and LAE will not develop redundancies or adversely develop and materially differ from our unpaid losses and LAE as of March 31, 2006. In the future, if the unpaid losses and LAE develop redundancies or deficiencies, such redundancy or deficiency would have a positive or adverse impact, respectively, on future results of operations. See *Critical Accounting Estimates - Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses* for additional discussion of our reserving policy.

Personal automobile insurance is our primary line of business. Vehicles insured outside of California accounted for 7.9%, and 5.6% of our direct premiums written for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

This increase is due to our ongoing geographic expansion program, which includes marketing in non-California states. The Company currently plans to expand into six additional states in 2006 to further its geographic expansion strategy.

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Personal Auto Lines Underwriting Results. The following table presents the components of our personal auto lines underwriting profit and the components of the combined ratio:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i> <i>Three Months Ended March</i> <i>31,</i>	<i>Personal Auto Lines</i>		<i>Increase/(Decrease)</i> <i>2006 vs.2005</i>	
	2006	2005	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Direct premiums written	\$338,569	\$352,117	(3.8)%	\$(13,548)
Net premiums written	\$337,223	\$350,940	(3.9)%	\$(13,717)
Net premiums earned	\$325,824	\$336,361	(3.1)%	\$(10,537)
Net losses and LAE	236,419	250,856	(5.8)	(14,437)
Underwriting expenses	71,933	71,681	0.4	252
Underwriting profit	\$ 17,472	\$ 13,824	26.4%	\$ 3,648
Ratios:				
Loss and LAE ratio	72.6%	74.6%		(2.0)%
Underwriting expense ratio	22.0	21.3		0.7
Combined ratio	94.6%	95.9%		(1.3)%

The following table reconciles our personal auto lines underwriting profit to our consolidated net income:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	<i>Three Months Ended</i> <i>March 31,</i>	
	2006	2005
Personal auto lines underwriting profit	\$ 17,472	\$13,824
Homeowner and earthquake lines in runoff underwriting loss	(77)	(172)
Net investment income	17,755	17,037
Realized investment losses	(1,067)	(460)
Interest and fees expense	(1,898)	(2,057)
Provision for income taxes	(10,868)	(8,735)
Net income	\$ 21,317	\$19,437

The following table reconciles our personal auto lines direct premiums written to net premiums earned:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	<i>Three Months Ended</i> <i>March 31,</i>	
	2006	2005
Direct premiums written	\$338,569	\$352,117
Ceded premiums written	(1,346)	(1,177)
Net premiums written	337,223	350,940
Net change in unearned premiums	(11,399)	(14,579)
Net premiums earned	\$325,824	\$336,361

We remain focused on achieving our long-term goals of a combined ratio of 96% or lower and 15% growth in direct premiums written. Direct premiums written in the three months ended March 31, 2006, decreased 3.8% to \$338.6 million compared to \$352.1 million for the same period in 2005. This decrease was primarily due to continued competitiveness in the California market. As the Company proceeds with its multi-state expansion, we believe that achieving our long-term growth goal will steadily depend less on the California marketplace.

Net premiums earned decreased 3.1% to \$325.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$336.4 million for the same period a year ago. This earned premium decrease is consistent with the decline in direct premiums written during the same period of 3.8%. The Company geographic expansion efforts will provide the Company with additional markets in which to sell its personal auto and other products.

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Net losses and LAE incurred decreased 5.8% to \$236.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$250.9 million for the same period last year, primarily due to the fewer number of exposures. The first quarter 2006 underwriting profit includes \$7.1 million of favorable development related to prior accident years' reserves, compared to \$7.8 million of favorable development related to prior accident years' reserves in the same period of 2005. The effect on the loss and LAE ratios of changes in estimates relating to insured events of prior years during the first quarter of 2006 was approximately 2.2%, compared to 2.3% in the same quarter last year. Changes in estimates are recorded in the period in which new information becomes available indicating that a change is warranted, usually in conjunction with our quarterly actuarial review.

The underwriting expense ratios to net premiums earned were 22.0% and 21.3% for the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The increase was primarily due to our investments in the Company's geographic expansion efforts, the 2006 recognition of stock-based compensation, severance, and corporate litigation. Several productivity enhancement initiatives are underway aimed at reducing per unit processing costs.

The combined ratio was 94.6% for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, compared to 95.9% for the same period a year ago. The decrease was mainly due to favorable prior accident year loss and LAE development of \$7.1 million.

Homeowner and Earthquake Lines in Runoff. We have not written any earthquake policies since 1994 and we exited the homeowner insurance business in February 2002. Underwriting results of the homeowner and earthquake lines, which are in runoff, include losses and LAE incurred of \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$0.2 million for the same period a year ago.

We have executed various transactions to exit from our homeowner line. Under a January 1, 2002 agreement with Balboa Insurance Company ("Balboa"), a subsidiary of Countrywide Financial Corporation ("Countrywide"), 100% of homeowner unearned premium reserves and losses on or after that date were ceded to Balboa. Under the terms of this agreement, we retain certain loss adjustment expenses. On February 21, 2002, we began non-renewing homeowner policies as they expired. Substantially all of these customers were offered homeowner coverage through an affiliate of Countrywide. We have completed this process and no longer have any homeowner policies in force.

Net Investment Income

We utilize a conservative investment philosophy. No derivatives or nontraditional securities are held in our investment portfolio and only 0.1% of the portfolio consists of equity securities at March 31, 2006. Substantially the entire fixed maturity portfolio is investment grade. Net investment income was \$17.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$17.0 million for the same period in 2005. The slight increase in net investment income is the result of a higher average investment portfolio balance.

The average annual yields on invested assets were as follows:

	<i>Three Months Ended</i>	
	<i>March 31,</i>	
	2006	2005
Pre-tax	4.8%	4.8%
After-tax	3.5	3.5

At March 31, 2006, \$378.5 million, or 26.4%, of our total fixed maturity investments at fair value were invested in tax-exempt bonds with the remainder, representing 73.6% of the portfolio, invested in taxable securities, compared to 23.1% and 76.9%, respectively, at December 31, 2005.

The net realized gains (losses) on the sale of investments were as follows:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i> <i>Three Months Ended March 31,</i>	<i>Net Realized Gains (Losses)</i> <i>on Sale of Investments</i>	
	2006	2005
Gross realized gains	\$ 1,492	\$ 1,337
Gross realized losses	(2,559)	(1,797)
Net realized losses on investments	\$(1,067)	\$ (460)

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Our policy is to investigate, on a quarterly basis, all investments for possible “other-than-temporary” impairment when the fair value of a security falls below its amortized cost, based on all relevant facts and circumstances. No such impairments were recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2006 or 2005. See discussion under *Critical Accounting Estimates - Investments* for further information.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. The financial information contained within these statements is, to a significant extent, financial information that is based on estimates and assumptions. Our significant accounting policies are essential to understanding Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Some of our accounting policies require significant judgment to estimate values of either assets or liabilities. In addition, significant judgment may be needed to apply what often are complex accounting principles to individual transactions to determine the most appropriate treatment. We have established procedures and processes to facilitate making the judgments necessary to prepare the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The following is a summary of the more judgmental and complex accounting estimates and principles. In each area, we have discussed the assumptions most important in the estimation process. We have used the best information available to estimate the related items involved. Actual performance that differs from our estimates and future changes in the key assumptions could change future valuations and materially impact our financial condition and results of operations.

Management has discussed our critical accounting policies and estimates, together with any changes therein, with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses. The estimated liabilities for losses and LAE include estimates of losses for known claims reported on or prior to the balance sheet dates, estimates of losses for claims incurred but not reported, estimates of expenses for investigating, adjusting and settling all incurred claims. Amounts reported are estimates of the ultimate costs of settlement, net of estimated salvage and subrogation. The estimated liabilities are necessarily subject to the outcome of future events, such as changes in medical and repair costs, as well as economic and social conditions that impact the settlement of claims. In addition, time can be a critical part of reserving determinations since the longer the span between the incidence of a loss and the payment or settlement of the claim, the more variable the ultimate settlement amount can be.

The methods used to determine such estimates and to establish the resulting reserves are continually reviewed and updated. Any resulting adjustments are reflected in current operating income on a dollar-for-dollar basis. For example, an upward revision of \$1 million in the estimated recorded liability for unpaid losses and LAE would decrease underwriting profit, and pre-tax income, by the same \$1 million amount. Conversely, a downward revision of \$1 million would increase pre-tax income by the same \$1 million amount.

It is management’s belief that the reserves for losses and LAE are adequate to cover unpaid losses and LAE as of March 31, 2006. While we perform quarterly reviews of the adequacy of established unpaid losses and LAE reserves, there can be no assurance that our ultimate unpaid losses and LAE will not develop redundancies or deficiencies and possibly differ materially from our unpaid losses and LAE as of March 31, 2006. In the future, if the unpaid losses and LAE develop redundancies or deficiencies, then such redundancy or deficiency would have a positive or adverse impact, respectively, on future results of operations.

The process of making changes to unpaid losses and LAE begins with the preparation of several point estimates, a review of the actual claims experience, actual rate changes achieved, actual changes in coverage, mix of business, and changes in certain other factors such as weather and recent tort activity that may affect the loss and LAE ratio. Our

actuaries prepare several point estimates of unpaid losses and LAE for each of the coverages, and they use their experience and judgment to arrive at an overall actuarial point estimate of the unpaid losses and LAE for that coverage.

Meetings are held with appropriate departments to discuss significant issues as a result of the review. This process culminates in a reserve meeting to review the unpaid losses and LAE. The basis for carried unpaid losses and LAE is the overall actuarial point estimate. Other relevant internal and external factors considered include a qualitative assessment of inflation and other economic conditions, changes in the legal, regulatory, judicial and social environments, underlying policy pricing, exposure and policy forms, claims handling, and geographic distribution shifts. As a result of the meeting, unpaid losses and LAE are finalized and we record quarterly changes in unpaid losses and LAE for each of our coverages. The change in unpaid losses and LAE for the quarter for each coverage is the difference between net ultimate losses and LAE and the net paid losses and LAE recorded through the end of the quarter. The overall change in our unpaid losses and LAE is based on the sum of these coverage level changes.

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The point estimate methods include the use of paid loss triangles, incurred loss triangles, claim count triangles, and severity triangles, as well as expected loss ratio methods. Quantitative techniques frequently have to be supplemented by subjective consideration, including managerial judgment, to assure management satisfaction that the overall unpaid losses and LAE are adequate to meet projected losses. For example, in property damage coverages, repair cost trends by geographic region vary significantly. These factors are periodically reviewed and subsequently adjusted, as appropriate, to reflect emerging trends that are based upon past loss experience. Thus, many factors are implicitly considered in estimating the loss costs recognized.

Judgment is required in analyzing the appropriateness of the various methods and factors to avoid overreacting to data anomalies that may distort such prior trends. For example, changes in limits distributions or development in the most recent accident quarters would require more actuarial judgment. We do not believe disclosure of specific point estimates calculated by the actuaries would be meaningful. Any one actuarial point estimate is based on a particular series of judgments and assumptions of the actuary. Another actuary may make different assumptions, and therefore reach a different point estimate.

There is a potential for significant variation in ultimate development of unpaid losses and LAE. Most automobile claims are reported within two to three months whereas the estimate of ultimate severities exhibits greater variability at the same maturity. Generally, actual historical loss development factors are used to project future loss development and there can be no assurance that future loss development patterns will be the same as in the past. However, we believe that our reserving methodologies are in line with other personal lines insurers and would generally expect ultimate unpaid losses and LAE development to vary approximately 5% from the carried unpaid losses and LAE.

The Company has experienced changes in the mix of business and policy limits. We believe that the assumption with the highest likelihood of change that could materially affect carried unpaid losses and LAE is the estimate of the frequency of unpaid bodily injury claims. The Company has experienced approximately 12% lower bodily injury claim frequency over the past three years in California. A 5% change in the estimate of the frequency of unpaid bodily injury claims would result in an approximate increase or decrease in total unpaid losses and LAE of 2.9%, or \$14.5 million, at March 31, 2006.

Property and Equipment. Accounting standards require a write-off to be recognized when an asset is vacated or an asset group's carrying value exceeds its fair value. For purposes of recognition and measurement of an impairment loss, a long-lived asset or assets are grouped with other assets and liabilities at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets and liabilities. Accounting standards require asset groups to be tested for possible impairment under certain conditions. There have been no events or circumstances in the first quarter of 2006 that would require a reassessment of any asset group for impairment.

Income Taxes. Determining the consolidated provision for income tax expense, deferred tax assets and liabilities and any related valuation allowance involves judgment. GAAP require deferred tax assets and liabilities ("DTAs" and "DTLs," respectively) to be recognized for the estimated future tax effects attributed to temporary differences and carryforwards based on provisions of the enacted tax law. The effects of future changes in tax laws or rates are not anticipated. Temporary differences are differences between the tax basis of an asset or liability and its reported amount in the condensed consolidated financial statements. For example, we have a DTA because the tax bases of our loss and LAE reserves are smaller than their book bases. Similarly, we have a DTL because the book basis of our capitalized software exceeds its tax basis. Carryforwards include such items as alternative minimum tax credits, which may be carried forward indefinitely, and net operating losses ("NOLs"), which can be carried forward 15 years for losses incurred before 1998 and 20 years thereafter.

At March 31, 2006, our DTAs totaled \$128.3 million and our DTLs totaled \$69.0 million. The net of those amounts, \$59.3 million, represents the net deferred tax asset reported in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. At

December 31, 2005, our DTAs total \$128.5 million and our DTLs total \$72.3 million. The net of those amounts, \$56.2 million, represents the net deferred tax asset reported in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

We are required to reduce DTAs (but not DTLs) by a valuation allowance to the extent that, based on the weight of available evidence, it is “more likely than not” (i.e., a likelihood of more than 50%) that any DTAs will not be realized. Recognition of a valuation allowance would decrease reported earnings on a dollar-for-dollar basis in the year in which any such recognition were to occur. The determination of whether a valuation allowance is appropriate requires the exercise of management judgment. In making this judgment, management is required to weigh the positive and negative evidence as to the likelihood that the DTAs will be realized.

The Company’s net deferred tax assets include a net operating loss (“NOL”) carryforward for regular federal corporate tax purposes of approximately \$62.5 million, representing an unrealized tax benefit of \$21.9 million at March 31, 2006, compared to \$33.6 million at December 31, 2005. The steady decline in the unrealized tax benefit of the NOL since 2002 resulted from the generation of taxable underwriting and investment income in the intervening years. At the current rate of utilization, the Company’s remaining NOL excluding 21st of Southwest should be fully utilized by the end of 2007, but in any event long before its statutory expiration.

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Portions of our NOL carryforward are scheduled to expire beginning in 2017, as shown in the table below (amounts in thousands):

Year of Expiration	NOL Excluding 21st of the Southwest	SRLY ¹ NOL of 21st of the Southwest	Consolidated NOL
2017	\$	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550
2018		1,068	1,068
2019		1,466	1,466
2020		3,172	3,172
2021	15,758	2,180	17,938
2022	37,316		37,316
Total	\$ 53,074	\$ 9,436	\$ 62,510

Our ability to fully utilize the remaining NOL depends on future taxable income either from continued operating profitability or from tax planning strategies we could implement, such as increasing the taxable portion of our investment portfolio. Because of the Company's history of profitability over the past four years, management believes it is reasonable to expect future underwriting profits and to conclude it is at least more likely than not that we will be able to realize the benefits of all of our DTAs, including our NOL. Accordingly, no valuation allowance has been recognized as of March 31, 2006. However, generating future taxable income is dependent on a number of factors, including regulatory and competitive influences that may be beyond our ability to control. Future underwriting losses could possibly jeopardize our ability to utilize our NOLs. In the event adverse development or underwriting losses due to either SB 1899 matters or other causes were to occur, management might be required to reach a different conclusion about the realization of the DTAs and, if so, recognize a valuation allowance at that time.

In a December 21, 2000, court ruling, *Ceridian Corporation v. Franchise Tax Board*, a California statute that allowed a tax deduction for the dividends received from wholly-owned insurance subsidiaries was held unconstitutional on the grounds that it discriminated against out-of-state insurance holding companies. Subsequent to the court ruling, the staff of the California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") took the position that the discriminatory sections of the statute are not severable and the entire statute is invalid. As a result, the FTB began disallowing dividends-received deductions for all insurance holding companies, regardless of domicile, for open tax years ending on or after December 1, 1997. Although the FTB made no formal assessment, the Company anticipated a retroactive disallowance that would result in additional tax assessments and recorded a provision for this contingency in a prior year.

In the first quarter of 2005, the Company filed amended California tax returns and paid the State of California approximately \$6.8 million to cover all issues outstanding with the FTB, including certain matters paid under protest as to which the Company reserved all its rights to file for refunds and appeal any adverse rulings by the FTB to the California State Board of Equalization ("SBE"). In September 2005, the FTB completed its audit and denied the Company's refund claims. In December 2005, the Company filed an appeal with the SBE. The Company is unable to assess the likelihood that any refunds ultimately will be received from the State of California.

Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs. Deferred policy acquisition costs ("DPAC") primarily include premium taxes, advertising, and other variable costs incurred with writing business. These costs are deferred and amortized over the 6-month policy period in which the related premiums are earned.

Management assesses the recoverability of deferred policy acquisition costs on a quarterly basis. The assessment calculates the relationship of actuarially estimated costs incurred to premiums from contracts issued or renewed for the period. We do not consider anticipated investment income in determining the recoverability of these costs. Based on current indications, management believes these costs are fully recoverable as of March 31, 2006.

¹“SRLY” stands for Separate Return Limitation Year. Under the Federal tax code, only future income generated by 21st of Southwest may be utilized against this portion of our NOL.

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The loss and LAE ratio used in the recoverability estimate is based primarily on expected ultimate ratios provided by our actuaries. While management believes that is a reasonable assumption, actual results could differ materially from such estimates.

Investments. Investment securities generally must be classified as held-to-maturity, available-for-sale or trading. The appropriate classification is based partially on our ability to hold the securities to maturity and largely on management's intentions at inception with respect to either holding or selling the securities. The classification of investment securities is significant since it directly impacts the accounting for unrealized gains and losses on securities. Unrealized gains and losses on trading securities flow directly through earnings during the periods in which they arise, whereas for available-for-sale securities they are recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity (accumulated other comprehensive income or loss) and do not affect earnings until realized. The fair values of our investment securities are generally determined by reference to quoted market prices and reliable independent sources. The cost of investment securities sold is determined by the specific identification method.

We are obligated to assess, at each reporting date, whether there is an "other-than-temporary" impairment to our investment securities. In general, a security is considered a candidate for impairment if it meets any of the following criteria:

- Trading at a significant (25% or more) discount to par, amortized cost (if lower) or cost for an extended period of time (nine months or longer);
- The occurrence of a discrete credit event resulting in (i) the issuer defaulting on a material outstanding obligation; or (ii) the issuer seeking protection from creditors under the bankruptcy laws or any similar laws intended for the court supervised reorganization of insolvent enterprises; or (iii) the issuer proposing a voluntary reorganization pursuant to which creditors are asked to exchange their claims for cash or securities having a fair value substantially lower than par value of their claims; or
- In the opinion of the Company's management, it is possible that the Company may not realize a full recovery on its investment, irrespective of the occurrence of one of the foregoing events.

For investments with unrealized losses due to market conditions or industry-related events, where the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow a market recovery or to maturity, declines in value below cost are not assumed to be other-than-temporary. Where declines in values of securities below cost or amortized cost are considered to be other-than-temporary, such as when it is determined that an issuer is unable to repay the entire principal, a charge is required to be reflected in income for the difference between cost or amortized cost and the fair value.

The determination of whether a decline in market value is "other-than-temporary" is necessarily a matter of subjective judgment. No such charges were recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2006 or 2005. The timing and amount of realized losses and gains reported in income could vary if conclusions other than those made by management were to determine whether an other-than-temporary impairment exists. However, there would be no impact on equity because any unrealized losses would be already included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

The following is a summary by issuer of non-investment grade securities and unrated securities held (at fair value):

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
Non-investment grade fixed maturity securities (i.e., rated below BBB-):		
Ford Motor Credit Company ²	\$ —	\$ 2,495

Non-investment grade equity securities:

AmerUs Group Co. ³	—	864
Unrated securities:		
Impact Community Capital, LLC ⁴	2,023	2,023
Impact Healthcare, LLC	413	413
Impact Childcare, LLC	330	—
Total non-investment grade and unrated securities	\$ 2,766	\$ 5,795
Percentage of total investments, at fair value	0.2%	0.4%

² The Ford Motor Credit Company security matured in the first quarter of 2006 and the Company received all amounts due, thereby incurring no loss.

³ The AmerUs Group Co. was a preferred stock holding that had an unrealized gain as of December 31, 2005.

⁴ Impact Community Capital, LLC is a limited partnership that was voluntarily established by a group of California insurers to make loans and other investments that provide housing and other services to economically disadvantaged communities.

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The following table summarizes investments held by us having an unrealized loss of \$0.1 million or more and aggregate information relating to all other investments in unrealized loss positions as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT NUMBER OF ISSUES</i>	March 31, 2006			December 31, 2005		
	<i># issues</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>	<i>Unrealized Loss</i>	<i># issues</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>	<i>Unrealized Loss</i>
Investments with unrealized losses:						
Fixed maturity securities:						
Exceeding \$0.1 million and in a loss position for:						
Less than 6 months	3	\$ 19,982	\$ 526	16	\$141,034	\$ 3,074
6-12 months	37	264,278	10,864	16	129,044	4,072
More than 1 year	74	504,783	28,172	56	433,368	16,896
Less than \$0.1 million	128	267,873	5,036	113	204,724	4,347
Total fixed maturity securities with unrealized losses	242	1,056,916	44,598	201	908,170	28,389
Equity securities:						
Exceeding \$0.1 million	—	—	—	2	578	305
Less than \$0.1 million	—	—	—	245	35,672	1,873
Total equity securities with unrealized losses	—	—	—	247	36,250	2,178
Total investments with unrealized losses ⁵	242	\$1,056,916	\$44,598	448	\$944,420	\$30,567

A summary by contractual maturity of fixed maturity securities in an unrealized loss position by year of maturity follows:

<i>AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS</i>	March 31, 2006			December 31, 2005		
	<i>Amortized Cost</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>	<i>Unrealized Loss</i>	<i>Amortized Cost</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>	<i>Unrealized Loss</i>
Fixed maturity securities:						
Due in one year or less	\$ 2,031	\$ 1,995	\$ 36	\$ 5,562	\$ 5,512	\$ 50
Due after one year through five years	360,719	347,204	13,515	205,363	200,075	5,288
Due after five years through ten years	385,947	368,942	17,005	415,417	401,533	13,884
Due after ten years	352,817	338,775	14,042	310,217	301,050	9,167
Total fixed maturity securities with unrealized losses	\$1,101,514	\$1,056,916	\$44,598	\$936,559	\$908,170	\$28,389

If our portfolio were to be impaired by market or issuer-specific conditions to a substantial degree, our liquidity, financial position and financial results could be materially adversely affected. Further, our income from these investments could be materially reduced, and write-downs of the value of certain securities could further reduce our profitability. In addition, a decrease in value of our investment portfolio could put our subsidiaries at risk of failing to satisfy regulatory capital requirements. If we were not at that time able to supplement our capital by issuing debt or

equity securities on acceptable terms, our ability to continue growing could be adversely affected. See further discussion in *Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense. For periods prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for share-based payment transactions with employees in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. (“FAS”) 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. Under the provisions of FAS 123, we had elected to continue using the intrinsic-value method of accounting for stock-based awards granted to employees in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*. We did not recognize in income any compensation expense for the fair value of stock options awarded to employees as all employee stock options were granted at or above the grant date market price. However, stock-based employee compensation cost relating to restricted stock was recognized in the statement of income for periods prior to January 1, 2006. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FAS 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* (“FAS 123R”). Unlike FAS 123, which was elective, FAS 123R requires that companies use a fair value method to value share-based payments and recognize the related compensation expense in net earnings. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to calculate the fair value of the employee stock options.

⁵Unrealized losses represent 4.2% and 3.2% of the total carrying value of investments with unrealized losses at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively.

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The Company adopted FAS 123R using the modified-prospective application method, and accordingly, financial statement amounts for the prior periods presented in this Form 10-Q have not been restated to reflect the fair value method of expensing share-based compensation under FAS 123R. The modified-prospective application method provides for the recognition of the fair value with respect to stock-based awards granted on or after January 1, 2006 and all previously granted, but unvested awards as of January 1, 2006.

The adoption of FAS 123R in the first quarter of 2006 resulted in additional stock-based compensation cost of \$4.0 million, which previously would have been only presented in a pro forma footnote disclosure. The Company expects this cost to approximate \$10.0 million for fiscal 2006. FAS 123R also requires the Company to estimate forfeitures in calculating the expense relating to stock-based compensation, as opposed to recognizing these forfeitures and corresponding reduction in expense as they occur. No adjustment for this cumulative effect was necessary as forfeitures were estimated in the Company's prior year pro forma financial statements. In addition, FAS 123R requires the Company to reflect the cash savings resulting from excess tax benefits (i.e., the benefit of the tax deduction for a share-based payment that exceeds the recognized compensation cost for that award) in its financial statements as a financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow as in prior periods. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2006 would have been \$0.28 if the Company had not adopted FAS 123R, compared to reported basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.25.

For grants made on or after January 1, 2006, the Company applied the non-substantive vesting period approach, which requires recognition of compensation expense from the grant date to the earlier of the vesting date or the date retirement eligibility is achieved for awards with retirement eligibility options. The use of the non-substantive vesting approach will not affect the overall amount of compensation expense recognized, but will accelerate the recognition of expense. This resulted in \$0.7 million in additional expense during the three months ended March 31, 2006. The Company also recognized \$1.4 million in stock-based compensation expense in connection with the accelerated vesting of awards as part of an executive retention agreement. For the remaining portion of awards that were unvested and granted prior to January 1, 2006, the Company will continue to follow the nominal vesting period approach, and accordingly recognize the expense from the grant date to the vesting date.

See additional discussion in Note 2 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains statements that constitute forward-looking information. Investors are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve risks and uncertainties, and that actual results or developments may differ materially from the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. You should not rely on forward-looking statements in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Forward-looking statements are statements not based on historical information and which relate to future operations, strategies, financial results or other developments. You can usually identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "intend," "potential" or with the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee our future results, level of activity, performance or achievements. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, discussions concerning our potential expectations, beliefs, estimates, forecasts, projections and assumptions. Forward-looking statements may address, among other things:

- Our strategy for growth;
- Underwriting results;
- Our expected combined ratio and growth of written premiums;
- Product development;

- Computer systems;
- Regulatory approvals;
- Market position;
- Financial results;
- Dividend policy; and
- Reserves.

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It is possible that our actual results, actions and financial condition may differ, possibly materially, from the anticipated results, actions and financial condition indicated in these forward-looking statements. Other important factors that could cause our actual results and actions to differ, possibly materially, from those in the specific forward-looking statements include those discussed in this report under the heading *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* as well as:

- The effects of competition and competitors' pricing actions;
- Changes in consumer preferences or buying habits;
- Adverse underwriting and claims experience;
- Customer service problems;
- The impact on our operations of natural disasters, principally earthquake, or civil disturbance, due to the concentration of our facilities and employees in Southern California;
- Information system problems;
- Control environment failures;
- Adverse developments in financial markets or interest rates;
- Results of legislative, regulatory or legal actions, including the inability to obtain approval for necessary licenses, rate increases and product changes and possible adverse actions taken by state regulators in market conduct examinations; and
- Our ability to service the Senior Notes, including our ability to receive dividends and/or sufficient payments from our subsidiaries to service our obligations.

We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk of loss from adverse changes in market prices and interest rates. In addition to market risk, we are exposed to other risks, including the credit risk related to the issuers of the financial instruments in which we invest, the underlying insurance risk related to our core business and the exposure of the personal lines insurance business, as a regulated industry, to legal, legislative, judicial, political and regulatory action. Financial instruments are not used for trading purposes. The following disclosure reflects estimated changes in value that may result from selected hypothetical changes in market rates and prices. Actual results may differ.

Our cash flow from operations and short-term cash position generally have been more than sufficient to meet our projected obligations for claim payments, which by the nature of the personal automobile insurance business, tend to have an average duration of less than one year. The Company also obtained long-term fixed rate financing as a means of increasing the statutory surplus of the Company's largest insurance subsidiary in 2002 and 2003. The Company primarily invests in fixed maturity investments. At March 31, 2006, comprised 99.9% of the fair value of the Company's total investments.

The Company initiated the sale of its equity portfolio during the first quarter and is in the process of evaluating other equity products. The Company's common equity portfolio represented approximately 0.1% of total investments at fair value as of March 31, 2006.

Fixed maturity financial instruments. For all of our fixed maturity investments, we seek to provide for liquidity and diversification while maximizing income without sacrificing investment quality. The value of the fixed maturity portfolio is subject to interest rate risk where the value of the fixed maturity portfolio decreases as market interest rates increase, and conversely, when market interest rates decrease, the value of the fixed maturity portfolio increases. Duration is a common measure of the sensitivity of a fixed maturity security's value to changes in interest rates. The higher the duration, the more sensitive a fixed maturity security is to market interest rate fluctuations. Effective duration also measures this sensitivity, but it takes into account call terms, as well as changes in remaining term, coupon rate, cash flow, and other items.

Since fixed maturity investments with longer remaining terms to maturity usually tend to realize higher yields, the Company's investment philosophy through 2003 typically resulted in a portfolio with an effective duration of over 6 years. Due to the changing interest rate environment in 2004, management, in consultation with the Investment Committee, began targeting a lower duration for the Company's fixed maturity investment portfolio to reduce the negative impact of potential increases in interest rates. As a result, the effective duration of the fixed maturity portfolio declined from 4.7 years as of December 31, 2005 to 4.5 years at March 31, 2006.

The graphical depiction of the relationship between the yield on bonds of the same credit quality with different maturities is usually referred to as a yield curve. Because the yield on U.S. Treasury securities is the base rate (or "risk free rate") from which non-government bond yields are normally benchmarked, the most commonly constructed yield curve is derived from the observation of prices and yields in the Treasury market. An upward sloping curve, where yield rises steadily as maturity increases, is referred to as a normal yield curve.

The following table shows the carrying values of our fixed maturity investments, which are reported at fair value, and our debt, which is reported at amortized cost. The table also presents estimated fair values at adjusted market rates assuming a parallel 100 basis point increase in market interest rates, given the effective duration noted above, for the fixed maturity investment portfolio and a parallel 100 basis point decrease in market interest rates for the debt determined from a present value calculation. The following sensitivity analysis summarizes only the exposure to market interest rate risk:

<i>DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS</i>		<i>Estimated Carrying Value at Adjusted Market Rates/Prices Indicated Above</i>	<i>Change in Value as a Percentage of Carrying Value</i>
<i>March 31, 2006</i>	<i>Carrying Value</i>		
Fixed maturity investments available-for-sale, at fair value	\$ 1,434.8	\$ 1,371.0	(4.4%)
Debt	124.8	131.8	5.6%

The discussion above provides only a limited, point-in-time view of the market risk sensitivity of our fixed rate financial instruments. The actual impact of interest rate changes on our fixed maturity investments in particular may differ significantly from those shown, as the analysis assumes a parallel shift in market interest rates. The analysis also does not consider any actions we could take in response to actual and/or anticipated changes in interest rates.

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Market participants usually refer to the difference between long-term Treasury yields and short-term Treasury yields as the “slope” of the yield curve. If the spread between the long end of the curve, where maturities are high, and the short end of the curve, where maturities are low, narrows, the yield curve is said to be “flattening”. Conversely, if the spread between the long end of the curve and the short end of the curve widens, the yield curve is said to be “steepening”. If the yields on the long end of the curve fall below those of the short end of the curve, the yield curve is said to be “inverted.”

The analysis above assumes a parallel shift in interest rates. However, the curve may also steepen, flatten or become inverted. This type of behavior may affect certain sections of the curve in disproportionate amounts. For example, if short-term Treasury yields rise and the yield curve flattens, fixed maturity instruments with short duration may be impacted to a greater degree than fixed maturity instruments with longer duration. Conversely, if long-term Treasury yields rise and the yield curve steepens, fixed maturity instruments with long duration may be impacted to a greater degree than fixed maturity instruments with shorter duration. The following summarizes the effective duration distribution of our fixed maturity investments portfolio.

<i>March 31, 2006</i>	<i>Effective Duration Ranges</i>					
	<i>Below 1</i>	<i>1 to 3</i>	<i>3 to 5</i>	<i>5 to 7</i>	<i>7 to 10</i>	<i>10 to 20</i>
Market value percentage of fixed maturity investment portfolio	1.5%	14.7%	59.6%	21.9%	1.4%	0.9%

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We have established disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the officers who certify the Company's financial reports and to other members of senior management and the Board of Directors.

Based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of 21st Century Insurance Group's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of March 31, 2006, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of 21st Century Insurance Group have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by 21st Century Insurance Group in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms.

Management, with the participation of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, has evaluated any changes in 21st Century Insurance Group's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter. Based on the evaluation, management, including the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, have concluded that no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2006 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, or by collusion of two or more people.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the normal course of business, the Company is named as a defendant in lawsuits related to claims and insurance policy issues, both on individual policy files and by class actions seeking to attack the Company's business practices. A description of the legal proceedings to which the Company and its subsidiaries are a party is contained in Note 4 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There are no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Part I of Item 1A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

See accompanying exhibit index.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

21ST CENTURY INSURANCE GROUP
(Registrant)

Date: April 26, 2006

/s/ Bruce W. Marlow
BRUCE W. MARLOW
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: April 26, 2006

/s/ Jesús C. Zaragoza
JESÚS C. ZARAGOZA
Vice President and Controller
(Principal Financial Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>31.1</u>	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a).
<u>31.2</u>	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a).
<u>32.1</u>	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.